

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF SANTA BARBARA ON ITS EFFORTS TO SERVE
SURVIVORS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Santa Barbara, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

WHEREAS, Educating & empowering young women to reach their full potential while working to prevent injustice and exploitation in our community is the Focus Area of the Junior League of Santa Barbara.

WHEREAS, Human trafficking, including the exploitation of youth for commercial sex, is a significant issue that exists across the State of California and in our County. Since the launch of Santa Barbara County's Human Trafficking Task Force in 2013, over 150 teens in Santa Barbara County have been identified as commercially sexually exploited children.

WHEREAS, In May of 2018, the Junior League of Santa Barbara, in partnership with 4 Kids 2 Kids, Inc., opened the doors of S.A.F.E. House Santa Barbara™ (Saving At-Risk Youth From Exploitation). S.A.F.E. House™ is the first Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program in Santa Barbara County for child survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.

WHEREAS, This six-bed Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program is a significant development, as there are few shelter options in California that are focused exclusively on serving the needs of girls who have been commercially exploited.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board commends the Junior League of Santa Barbara, in partnership with 4 Kids 2 Kids, on its work to serve survivors of commercial sexual exploitation through S.A.F.E. House Santa Barbara™.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 26 day of February 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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Clerk of the Board